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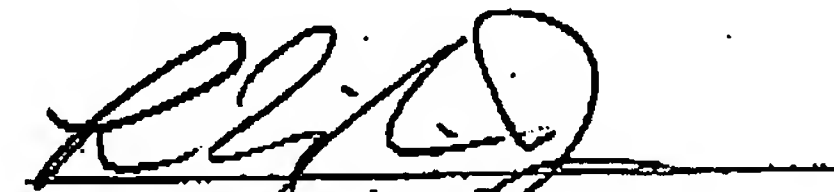
Sir:

Applicant's Attorney wishes to correct the statement made in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed September 8, 2006 in which the Transmittal Cover Letter (copy enclosed) indicated that copies of each of the documents listed in the Forms/SB08a and 08b were enclosed.

Please note that, as indicated on the originally submitted return receipt postcard (copy enclosed) only Citation Nos. 5-11 were submitted.

With respect to the Citation nos. 1-4, which were omitted, it is believed that copies of these references are not required as these are all U.S. patent documents. However, if the Examiner in this application would like copies of these documents, the undersigned attorney would be happy to so provide upon request.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the Forms PTO/SB/08a and 08b submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed.

No concession is made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate.

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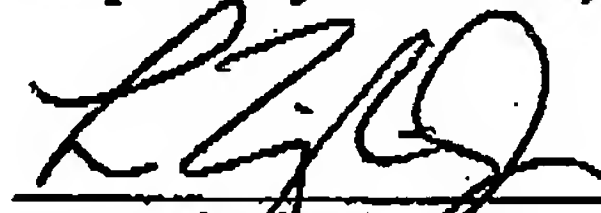
Each of the cited documents was cited in an International Search Report (copy enclosed, Citation No. 11) dated May 6, 2004, issued in priority international counterpart patent application number PCT/EP03/12349 and forwarded in a communication dated June 4, 2004.

Reference Citation Nos. 6, 9 and 10 are not in the English language, however, the International Search Report (Citation No. 11), submitted herewith in English, indicates the degree of relevance determined by the European Patent Office of these references. Additionally, English abstracts are respectively attached to and located on Citation Nos. 6 and 10.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered and made of record by the Examiner in the above-referenced patent application and that a copy of the enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08a and 08b be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

No first Official Action has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-3639 should any fee be deemed necessary for filing this paper.

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